



Mount Kisco Child Care Center inc.
a non-profit early care & education program

Mount Kisco Child Care Center Learns Gardening Tips from Local IBMers

Mount Kisco, NY – (July 11, 2011) – Mount Kisco Child Care Center partnered with local IBM employees and retirees on June 15 as part of IBM's Celebration of Service program. The program, designed for employees, retirees and business partners, was put in place to lend time and support to local community organizations during the company's Centennial year.

Local IBMers assisted MKCCC children as part of the Center's garden-to-table nutrition program, Feed Me Fresh. The Center boasts a 1,000 sq. ft organic garden where the children plant and tend to a variety of seasonal goods. Volunteers assisted the children with all gardening needs, including an after school lesson about excel spreadsheets to better organize their harvest.

"It's nice to see business men and women getting involved in their communities," said Dottie Jordan, Executive Director at MKCCC. "They have shown such an interest in our organization and the children have certainly benefited."

June 15 was the focal point of the year-long effort by IBM as it was the final day of IBM's first 100 years. To mark the occasion, hundreds of thousands of IBMers, retirees and partners participated in volunteer projects worldwide.

"This is an excellent way to connect regional business men and women to local community organizations," said Steven Wismuller, IBM employee, volunteer, and Co-President of the Board of Directors of MKCCC. "It's been a wonderful experience integrating our knowledge and expertise into lessons for children at the Center."

In recognition of 100 years in business, the 2011 IBM Celebration of Service spans more than 170 countries where IBMers live and conduct business.

MKCCC is located at 95 Radio Circle, Mount Kisco, NY. For additional information, please visit www.mkccc.org or call 914-241-2135.

About Mount Kisco Child Care Center: Mount Kisco Child Care Center is a licensed nonprofit, non-sectarian childcare facility that has served the working families of Northern Westchester since 1971. MKCCC provides exceptional and affordable, early-care and education to a diverse group of children three months to five years. The Center's expanded school-age program serves children up to 12 years of age.

About IBM: For more information on the IBM Centennial, visit www.ibm100.com

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